Vaccination of children against haemophilus influenze

2092. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has for the first time decided to vaccinate children against Haemophilus Influenze type B (HIB), the bacteria that causes illnesses like meningitis, pneumonia and septic arthritis;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Tamil Nadu would be the first State to vaccinate all new born children with the HIB vaccine and RIB immunisation programme would then be rolled out nationally; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Closing of SMEs

2093 SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the policy to uplift small and medium enterprises in the country;

(b) whether he is aware about closure of small units due to competition from heavy industries;

(c) if so, what actions are proposed to revive closed units; and

(d) what specific facilities are given by RBI and nationalized banks to small and medium industrial units?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) Promotion and development of micro, small and medium manufacturing enterprises (MSMEs) and to their upliftment are primarily the function of the respective State Governments and UT administrations. The Central Government, however, supplement the efforts by providing supportive measures aiming to uplift MSMEs by way of enhancing their competitiveness through specific schemes, which *inter alia*, include the scheme for assistance for technological upgradation, comprehensive need based development of clusters, accessing markets, improved infrastructure, better availability of credit, facilities for training and capacity building of entrepreneurs, etc. The Government, with a view to further enhancing their competitive edge has announced (i) the Package for Promotion of Micro and Small Enterprises, (ii) the implementation of National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme, besides operationalising the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Act, 2006, from 2 October, 2006.

(b) and (c) While reporting that about 39% of the registered micro and small enterprises were found to be non-functional/closed, the third All India Census of Small Scale Industries (2001-02) has not mentioned any decline or closure of MSEs due to competition from heavy industries.

(d) In accordance with the guidelines/instractions issued by the Reserved Bank of India (RBI), the banks, mainly nationalized banks/institutions facilitate availability of credit/lending to MSME Sector. These guidelines/instructions, *inter-alia*, relate to definition of micro, small and medium enterprises in accordance with the provisions of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Act, 2006, targets under priority sector lending, dispersal of loan applications, dispensation limit for collateral requirements, composite loan limit, rehabilitation of sick MSEs and the implementation of the Package announced by the Government for stepping up credit to MSMEs in August, 2005, which provides for (i) public sector/nationalized banks to fix their own targets for funding SMEs in order to achieve a minimum 20% year-on-year growth in credit to the MSME Sector, (ii) public sector/nationalized banks to follow a transparent rating system with cost of credit linked to the credit rating of the enterprises, (iii) commercial banks to make concerted efforts to provide cover on an average to at least 5 new micro, small and medium enterprises to each of their semi-urban/urban branches per year, (iv) adoption of cluster based approach by banks for SME financing, etc.

Decrease in employment opportunities

†2094. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether employment opportunities are continuously decreasing in small scale industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and Union Territory-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the jobs provided to the unemployed youths through small scale industries in the country, State-wise and Union Territory-wise?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above, does not arise.

(c) State/Union Territory-wise details of the estimated employment generated through micro and small enterprises in the country as on 31st March, 2007 is given in the the Statement enclosed.

Statement

State/UT-wise details of estimated employment in Micro and Small enterprises (both registered and unregistered) as on 31-03-2007

State/UT Code	Name of the State/ Union Territory	Employment		
		Registered	Unregistered	Total
1	2	3	4	5
01.	Jammu and Kashmir	72054	120200	192254
02.	Himachal Pradesh	62723	109627	172350

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.